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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

SUBJECT: OKINAWA REVERSION - DEACTIVATION OF CSG

1. THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IS AUTHORIZED FOR RELEASE IN OKINAWA. QUOTE "AS PART OF THE REDUCTION OF US ACTIVITIES IN SEA, THE US ARMY COMPOSITE SERVICE GROUP (CSG) IS ONE OF THE UNITS SCHEDULED TO BE INACTIVATED ON OR ABOUT 1 JULY 72. PLANS ARE UNDER REVIEW FOR CONTINUED USE OF CAMP CHINEN, HOME OF CSG, AS PART OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF US MILITARY ACTIVITIES ON OKINAWA. PLANS ARE BEING DEVELOPED TO RETAIN OR RELOCATE AS MANY OF THE LOCAL HIRE EMPLOYEES AS POSSIBLE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PRESENT WORK FORCE WILL BE RETAINED AT LEAST UNTIL LATE JUNE 1972. END QUOTE.

2. IF QUERIED, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE DRAWN UPON: THE US ARMY COMPOSITE SERVICE GROUP IS A SUPPORT UNIT LOCATED AT CAMP CHINEN, OKINAWA. THE MISSION OF CSG IS TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL, ORDNANCE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER

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SPECIALIZED TYPES OF SUPPORT TO UNITS IN THE FAR EAST. CSG ALSO PROVIDES ITEMS OF A CLASSIFIED NATURE TO FORCES OPERATING IN THE FAR EAST. THE UNIT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1951 AS THE FIRST COMPOSITE SERVICE UNIT. ON 15 APRIL 1957, IT WAS REDESIGNED AS THE US ARMY COMPOSITE SERVICE GROUP UNDER THE USARYIS COMMAND IN CONSONANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 10713 WHICH CHARGED THE US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JURISDICTIONAL POWERS OVER THE RYUKYUS ISLANDS. THERE ARE 600 PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AND WORKING FOR THE COMPOSITE SERVICE GROUP, OF WHICH 100 ARE US ARMY SPACES AND 500 ARE LOCAL HIRE SPACES.

3. QUERIES WHICH YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OCINFO, DA.

4. UPON RELEASE NOTIFICATION IS REQUESTED. ROGERS

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